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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following reference(s) be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

- C1 Yoshida, H and Nappi, J. "*Three-Dimensional Computer-Aided Diagnosis Scheme for Detection of Colonic Polyps*", IEEE Trans. Medical Imaging, vol. 20, No. 12, pp. 1261-1274, 2001
  
- C2 Dorai, C. and Jain, A. K. "*COSMOS—A Representation Scheme for 3D Free Form Objects*", IEEE Trans. Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, vol. 19, No 10, pp 1115-1130, 1997

- C3 Bartoli, A.V., Wegenkittl, R., Konig, A., and Groller, E. " *Virtual Colon Unfolding*", IEEE Proceedings: Visualization, pp. 411-418, 2001
- C4 Jain, A.K, *Fundamentals of Digital Image Processing*, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1989.

The above-identified reference(s) are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and a copy of references C1, C2, C3, and C4 are also enclosed herewith.

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Consideration of the above-identified references in the examination of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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